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INVENTION: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR THE
DETERMINATION OF A MEASURE OF SIMILARITY
BETWEEN A FIRST STRUCTURE AND AT LEAST
ONE PREDETERMINED SECOND STRUCTURE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
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AMENDMENT A PRIOR TO ACTION

Sir:

Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced PCT application, and
request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the United States
Examination Phase.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

On page 19:

replace line 1 with --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--;

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Please replace original claims 1-52 with the following rewritten claims 1-52,
referring to the mark-ups in Appendix A.

1. (Amended) A method for the computer-aided determination of a measure of
similarity between a first structure and at least one predetermined second structure,
comprising the steps of:

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defining at least one base element for said first structure and said second
structure;

assigning surroundings-related information to each of said at least one base
elements, said surroundings-related information characterizing a corresponding said
base element; and

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